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September

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N E W S L E T T E R

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Online Giving



Pastor's Message

Greetings Southside!

As summer schedules begin to settle down, our young people are back in school, and many of us are looking ahead to a new season. For our church, September is a month of reconnecting, refocusing, and jumping back into opportunities to worship, learn, and serve together.

We have several important events coming up this month:

- **School Supply Drive:** We will collect school supplies during the month of September to support the New Horizons School
- **District Superintendent Rev. Rob will visit on Thursday, September 3, at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Communion Sunday will be September 6.** I hope you'll join us as we gather around the Lord's Table and remember God's grace in our lives.
- **Administrative Council will meet Sunday, September 13, immediately following worship.**
- **On September 20, we'll celebrate our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Fall Kick-Off.** This will be a chance to thank you for the life you bring to the ministries of our church. All are welcome! I hope you'll join us.

Pastor's Message

- **Our Discipleship Group will resume on Tuesday, September 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This fall we'll be studying the Gospel of Luke. Whether you've been part of the group before or are considering it for the first time, we'd love to have you with us.

I also wanted to share something I'll be participating in this fall and how it connects to our life together as a congregation.

Beginning September 14, 2026, I will be joining a local ecumenical group of faith leaders for a project called **Sacred Bridges**. We will meet on **Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for seven weeks**.

Sacred Bridges is an interfaith leadership cohort developed in collaboration with the Wassmuth Center. Together, leaders from different faith traditions will explore the Wassmuth Center's Six Powerful Practices. What drew me to this opportunity is that these practices provide common ground for people of faith while honoring the dignity and human rights of every person through our everyday actions.

Pastor's Message

As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbors, build relationships, and seek understanding rather than division. I look forward to learning alongside other faith leaders and discovering how our different traditions can work together for the common good while remaining rooted in our own faith.

This experience will also shape our ministry this fall. The conversations and insights from Sacred Bridges will inspire a sermon series based on the Gospel of Luke. The series will be designed to complement our weekly Discipleship Study Group. My hope is that our worship, sermons, and discussions will help us explore what it means to follow Jesus faithfully in a diverse and interconnected world.

I appreciate your prayers as I participate in this cohort, and I look forward to sharing what I learn with you along the way.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jen

**A couple Southside
Events in August
included Water
Games during
Fellowship and a
Community Clothing
Drive**



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Outreach for September: School Supply Drive

Important Dates:

Thursday, September 3, at 9:00 am: Visit with DS Rob

Monday, September 7: Office Closed for Labor Day

Special Sundays in September:

September 6th: Communion

September 13th: Ad Council after worship

September 20th: Fall Kick-Off and Volunteer

Appreciation Luncheon after worship

On-Going Weekly Groups:

Mondays:

Pastor Jen will be participating in the Bridges Interfaith Cohort on Monday morning from 9:30 am-11:30 am at the Wassmuth Center starting September 14, 2026. This group will run for 7 weeks.

Tuesdays:

Discipleship will resume on September 22, 2026, at 11:30 am- 1:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch and our group study/ discussion begins at noon.

Yoga Group meets at 5:30 pm in the Narthex

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Wednesdays:

Men's Breakfast Group at the Egg Factory in Nampa at 7:30 am. (contact Gaymon for more information)

Walking group meets and Wilson Pond at 8:30 am

Local Clergy Cohort Meeting: Pastor Jen often meets with local clergy at 10:00 am for her local clergy cohort meetings. (location varies but is often off-site)

On-going Monthly Groups:

United Women of Faith: Wednesday September 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm

Quilts of Valor: Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 12:30-3:00 pm

Pastoral Care:

****** Pastor Jen blocks out time on her schedule on Thursdays for visitation but is flexible if that day does not work out. Please know, she welcomes emails, calls, and texts during business hours Monday- Thursday and is available after hours for emergencies. She can be reached at PastorJenHunkovic@outlook.com and (208) 871-5593.



Messy Church

~ Coming Soon ~

Starting in October, we will be partnering with Kuna UMC to offer a new family ministry called Messy Church. This ministry will be for the young and young at heart. We will have a lesson, activity stations, and a community dinner. Messy Church will be offered once a month and will rotate between Southside and Kuna UMC. We hope you will be able to join us. The first Messy Church event will be a trunk or treat. More info coming soon.

SOUTHSIDE NEWS

Finance Reports

For the month of July

General Fund income was \$8,469.38
and expenses \$11,170.47
for a net (-) \$2,701.09

For the Year to Date

General Fund income was \$73,886.20
and expenses \$93,356.31
for a net (-) \$19,470.11

There were no unusual general fund expenses in July, just low income. Outside of the General Fund, we used the Emergency and Contingency Fund for air conditioner repair (\$517) and sprinkler work deposit (\$2,000).

A full set of the most current financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Feel free to come in and take a look.

September

Birthdays

1 - Susie Shoemaker
5 - Amelia Denassar
9 - Jancylean Young-Bates
16 - Michael Eisenbeiss
16 - Velma Crawford
17 - Judith Dzur
17 - Ray Corbin
25- Shane Shamber
30 - Barb McAlister

Anniversaries

1- Cody & Jenny Young-Bates
9 - Cynthia & Eldon Betz



**If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary,
please let the church office know.**

Serving the Church in September

Liturgist

6- Monica Stone
13- Gaymon Bennett
20- Curt Crawford
27- Mary Dennis

Coffee Hour Hosts

6-
13-
20- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
27-

Greeters

6- Lily Sorenson
13- Jill & Brian Stockam
20- Bob & Anya Marks
27- Deanna

Slideshow Clicker

6-
13-
20-
27-

**Sign up sheet is by the coffee in the Narthex ~
Sign up anytime or contact Jenny @southsidebumc2014@gmail.com**

SUNDAY SERVICE

September 6, 2026

Communion Sunday

Scripture:

Matthew 18:15-20

Reconciliation in the community of faith

Message:

Conflict

Sunday Hymns

"Help Us Accept Each Other "

UMH #560 (1-4)

"Jesu, Jesu"

UMH #432 (1,3, and 5)

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH # 620 (1-3)